

Cumberland

Statistical Summary

Cumberland covers an area of 3,012 square km. With an average population density of 91 people per square km, Cumberland is much more sparsely populated than the national average (England & Wales 399 people per square km). Population density varies greatly across Cumberland's wards ranging from 13 people per square km in Bothel and Wharrels ward to 4,499 people per square km in Upperby ward.

When compared to England and Wales, Cumberland has an older age profile; with a lower proportion of residents aged 0-15 years and 16-64 years, and a higher proportion of resident aged 65+. However, the age profile of Cumberland's wards varies considerably; with the proportion of residents aged 65+ ranging from 12.5% in Currock ward to 31.6% in Solway Coast ward.

The 2018-Based Subnational Population Projections (SNPPs), published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) in 2020, project that in Cumberland by 2028: The total population may decrease by 900 persons (-0.3 vs. England +5%); Numbers of 0-15 year olds may decrease by -3,400 persons (-7.2% vs. England -1.6%); Numbers of 16-64 year olds may decrease by 8,000 persons (-4.8% vs. England +2.7%); Numbers of 65+ year olds may increase by 10,500 persons (+16.8% vs. England +19.6%); The proportion of people aged 65+ may increase to 26.6% (England 20.7%). An older population will create a greater demand for personal health and social care at a time when there are less people of working age to provide it.

The 2019 Indices of Deprivation (IoD) published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) classified 14 of Cumberland's 177 Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) as being within the 10% most deprived of areas in England. These communities were located as follows: Allerdale (7 LSOAs), Carlisle (4 LSOAs) and Copeland (3 LSOAs). Inversely, Cumberland had 10 LSOAs that were classified as being in the 10% least deprived of LSOAs nationally; these LSOAs were located in Carlisle (5 LSOAs), Allerdale (3 LSOAs), and Copeland (2 LSOAs). It is important to note that not all socially and economically disadvantaged people in Cumbria will be living in the most deprived areas of the county and that they may reside in more affluent areas, therefore consideration should be given to all.

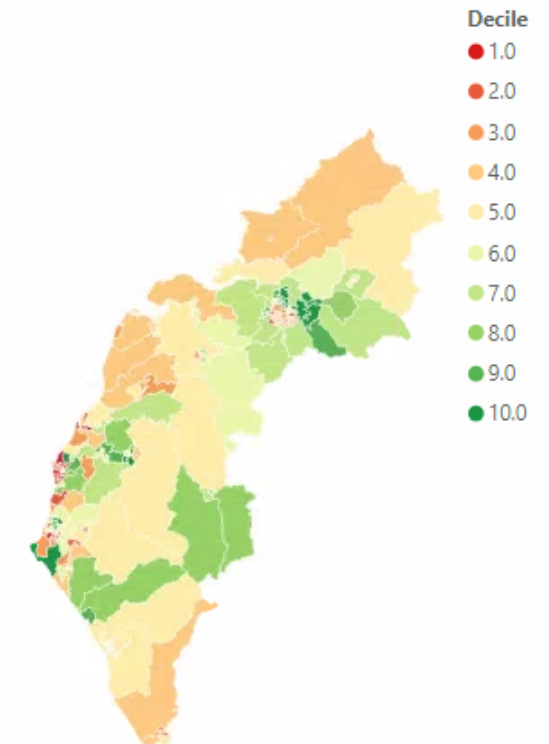
18.1% of children in Cumberland live in relative low-income families. While this is lower than the national average (19.9%), there are some wards where levels of child poverty are much higher than the national average; the proportion of children in relative low-income families in Maryport South ward is one and a half times the national average (30%).

In Cumberland there were 4,150 claimants of Job Seekers Allowance or Universal Credit (out of work and seeking work); this equates to a claimant rate (actively seeking work) of 2.5% which is below the national rate (England and Wales = 3.8%). All of Cumberland's former districts had claimant rates that were lower than the national average. However, there were some wards where claimant rates were much higher than the national average; with the claimant rate in St Michael's ward around 1.5 times the national average (5.7%).

Average weekly earnings (full time) at workplaces in Cumberland are estimated to be £677, while average weekly earnings for residents in Cumberland are estimated to be £678; both similar to the national average (£682 for both workplaces and residents). It is important to note that historically there has always been a large amount of variation in earnings across Cumberland's former districts, but data is no longer available at district level.

There are 133,000 jobs at workplaces in Cumberland. The manufacturing sector accounts for the greatest proportion of jobs (15.8%), while the wholesale and retail sector accounts for a further 14.3%, followed by human health and social work sector (12.8%). When compared to the national average, Cumberland has a much higher proportion of jobs in the manufacturing sector, with particularly high rates of manufacturing jobs in the former district of Copeland; the highest proportion of all LTLAs nationally.

LSOAs by Overall Deprivation Decile (1 is % Most Deprived)



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